

remained steadfast on the KLNG airwaves as the anchor, providing the people of Omaha with calm resolve and valuable information.

Bill was also credited with being the first journalist to report on the death of Omaha Mayor Bernie Simon in 1988.

Throughout his career, Bill also worked part-time for the Omaha Royals and the Storm Chasers at the College World Series, starting in 1983 as an usher supervisor and serving in different areas such as ticket taker, pass gate attendant, security at the Hall of Fame room at Rosenblatt, and scoreboard operator. In the mid-1980s, he took over as the announcer for the Omaha Royals, and in 2001, he competed and won the coveted spot to replace Jake Payne at the mike at the College World Series.

What many people don't know is the time that Bill would spend preparing for the World Series, watching as many regional college games as possible to learn the teams and the players' names. In his 26 years, Bill has announced more than 370 consecutive games, and together, he and Jack announced over 900 games.

Some of his most memorable moments include his very first game when he introduced President George W. Bush, who threw out the first pitch, and Nebraska's first-ever appearance at the College World Series.

Bill also fondly remembers Father's Day in 2022, when members of his family surprised him in the announcer's booth because he never got to spend a Father's Day with them. He will also remember the baked treats that his wife would make for him and his colleagues during the World Series.

Bill Jensen and his predecessor, Jack, will forever be remembered as the Voices of the College World Series.

Now, he looks forward to being a fan and spending time at and away from the games with his wife, Deanna; his daughter, Danielle; stepson, Brian; daughter-in-law, Wendy; and grandchildren Natalie, Connor, Carly, and Camryn.

Mr. Speaker, as Bill hits the button on the mike for the last time, Omaha thanks him.

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HONORING JOHN KING

(Mr. CISNEROS of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a pillar of the Covina community, Councilmember John King.

After 20 years on the Covina City Council and 30 years of serving the city, Councilmember John King is moving on from public office.

John guided the community with love and care and made every resident proud to call Covina their home.

He is an example of what it means to be a true public servant. While his time

on the council comes to a close, I am sure his service to the community will only grow even stronger.

We are also grateful to have benefited from his many years of leadership. He left an incredible legacy and a permanent mark on the community.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate John on a remarkable career in service. Covina is so proud of him.

RECOGNIZING WEST COVINA SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the outstanding achievements from schools in California's 31st Congressional District at this year's National Speech and Debate Tournament.

I congratulate the students representing West Covina Unified School District for their multiple top 10 finishes.

I extend a special congratulations to Edgewood Middle School on receiving the prestigious School of Excellence Award for the third year in a row.

To the 20 middle school students and 8 high school students who competed, you demonstrated exceptional talent, resilience, and intellect. All of us in the 31st Congressional District are so proud of them. They all competed under high pressure and completely rose to the occasion.

I want to give a special shout-out to California's 31st Congressional District students who earned top 10 finishes in the Nation: Cetlalli Valenzuela-Gonzalez, Darcy Lam, Lorenzo Williamson, Jacky Huynh III, Jillian Liang, and Arielle Hsiao.

Mr. Speaker, their hard work and perseverance paid off, and I am honored to uplift their accomplishments today.

RECOGNIZING DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize this July as Disability Pride Month and to commemorate the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In 1990, the U.S. passed this landmark civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against people with physical and mental disabilities.

In the time since then, we have made great progress breaking down barriers to employment, healthcare, and housing, dismantling harmful stigmas, and fighting against ableism.

There is still work to be done to ensure every disabled American can contribute to our society and receive the accommodations they need to live a free and fulfilled life.

Disability is a vital aspect of our country's diversity, and no one should ever be discriminated against or excluded from public life because they are differently abled.

In light of this current administration's disturbing decision to move the Office of Special Education out of the education department, it is especially important to protect disabled students' rights and support their access to the programs and support they need to succeed.

Mr. Speaker, to everyone living with physical and mental disabilities in

California's 31st District, I am proud to champion their right to live in a society built on equity, inclusion, and accessibility.

RECOGNIZING AMERICA 250

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 250th anniversary of the United States of America.

While this is a time for celebration, it is also a time for reflection. In southern California, we know what this country is capable of when we care for each other, lead with empathy, and open our communities to everyone, not just to some.

I am proud to represent a community of families, friends, teachers, service-members, veterans, and small business owners, a community of people who came from all over the world to call the San Gabriel Valley home, because that is exactly what makes this country special. At our core, we are a nation of immigrants, a melting pot of diverse traditions, cultures, and shared histories.

In this time of great political divide, it is more important than ever for us all to come together to build a better nation that lives up to our founding principles of liberty, freedom, and justice for all.

Mr. Speaker, I am so proud to champion our district in Congress. On the 250th anniversary of our democracy, I am grateful to uplift what we should be celebrating today.

HONORING ROSEMARY NOEL COMBS

(Mr. NORMAN of South Carolina was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, one of the real privileges of serving in Congress in the United States House of Representatives is to be able to recognize ordinary people who have done extraordinary deeds in their life. It is special today, June 30, 2026, because in 4 days we will celebrate the 250th anniversary of America.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor the life of a remarkable American: Rosemary Noel Combs of Pineville, Kentucky, who passed away on May 3 of this year at the extraordinary age of 100.

Born on the Fourth of July in 1925, Rosemary embodied the very essence of the American Dream, through her lifetime defined by faith, family, service, and the enduring strength of the American spirit.

Rosemary was raised in Pennsylvania, where she studied at the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics, mastering communications, meteorology, the Morse code, and airline operations. Her work with Capital Airlines, and later the Pennsylvania Railroad, reflected both her intelligence and her intense determination during a transformative era in history. But, truly, it was in Pineville, Kentucky, where Rosemary would leave her greatest mark.

After marrying Robert Mason "Doc" Combs in 1954, Rosemary immersed herself in service to her new community. She and her husband opened the beloved Flocoe Drug Store and Diner, an establishment renowned throughout Bell County for the warmth, generosity, and the sense of real fellowship Rosemary extended to every person who visited.

To generations of Pineville residents, Rosemary was more than a local businessowner. She was a counselor, volunteer, faithful servant, mentor, and friend. Whether through the Pineville Women's Club, the Rotary Club, the Bell County Chamber of Commerce, or through several decades of faithful service to St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Rosemary dedicated her life to serving others.

At her funeral, a member of the community recalled a moment when Rosemary gave him medicine he could not afford for a sick child. Such quiet acts of compassion were the very essence of her being.

Perhaps no tribute to Rosemary's life speaks louder than the fact that over 800 people gathered at her funeral, nearly half the town of Pineville. You have got to remember. She was 100 years old, and very few of her friends were still around. She had 800 friends.

Her legacy lives on through her 6 children, 16 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

In an age that often celebrates fame and fortune, Rosemary reminds us that the true measure of one's life is found in service, kindness, faith, and love of your neighbor.

Today, we honor not only a wonderful woman, but a generation of Americans whose quiet strength built communities all across this great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, may Rosemary's memory continue to inspire the United States of America and all who were blessed to know her. She epitomizes the phrase to live is to serve. She did so admirably.

RELEASE OF ARMENIAN PRISONERS

(Ms. RIVAS of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. RIVAS. Mr. Speaker, for 1,000 days, Armenian prisoners of war and civilians have been held in unlawful detention. Detainees are reported to have suffered from torture and abuse while being denied fundamental legal rights. These conditions are unacceptable, and their continued detention is a violation of fundamental human rights.

I am proud to cosponsor the Azerbaijan Sanctions Review Act to demand the release of these prisoners and hold officials accountable for these abuses.

The San Fernando Valley is home to one of the largest communities of Armenian Americans in the country. The stories that members of the Armenian-American community have shared with

me throughout this conflict are heart-breaking. I stand with the Armenian-American community, my colleagues, and the families of the detainees in calling for the release and safe return of these prisoners of war.

BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP

Ms. RIVAS. Mr. Speaker, just moments ago, the Supreme Court struck down Donald Trump's illegal attempt to end birthright citizenship and ruled that 4 million children born in the United States, including many across the San Fernando Valley, have a place in this country as American citizens.

For 250 years, our country was built and defined by immigrants and children of immigrants. This includes people like my sister and me, who were born and raised in Los Angeles and are now pursuing our own American Dreams and contributing to the country that we love.

The Constitution is clear. Anyone born in the United States is a citizen of the United States. Donald Trump does not get to bend the rules and rewrite the Constitution just to comply with his illegal and anti-immigrant agenda.

Mr. Speaker, I will keep fighting to protect our immigrant communities like mine in the San Fernando Valley and across the country so that they, too, can have their chance at the American Dream.

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE

(Mr. KEAN of New Jersey was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with deep gratitude for the patience, kindness, prayers, and concern that have been shown to me and my family over the course of the last several months.

This is not an easy speech for me to give. I am a private person by nature, and I have spent most of my life talking about the people that I represent, issues facing our communities, and work that needs to be done.

Talking about myself has never come naturally, but I believe that I owe an explanation to the people of New Jersey's Seventh District, to my colleagues in this Chamber, and to the American people for my actions.

Several months ago, due to health concerns, I entered the hospital for some testing. I did not believe that this would result in a long-term stay. I was given the diagnosis of depression.

Now, when people hear the word "depression," many people think it simply means feeling sad. But depression is so much more than that. It is physical and emotional. Until you experience it yourself, it is difficult to fully understand how powerful this illness can be.

The doctors recommended that I remain in the hospital to address my illness. They explained to me that this would be the fastest way to recovery. To be honest, I was hesitant. I didn't think that I had time for it. I had responsibilities to my family, constituents, and to this institution.

Like many people, I believed that I could simply push through, but I agreed to follow my doctor's recommendations, again, not believing that it would result in a long-term stay. I began to understand not only my diagnosis but how long depression had been affecting my life.

When I first informed the public that I was dealing with a medical issue, I was still trying to understand what was happening myself. When I said I hoped to return in a matter of weeks, I believed it. Those were the best estimates that the doctors could provide. Yet, as the over 48 million of my fellow Americans being treated for this illness have come to discover, there is no timeline for healing and recovery—only the work of getting better one day at a time.

Today, I am grateful that I listened to my doctors, and I am grateful for the exceptional care that I received from doctors, nurses, and support staff. I am grateful that I accepted help because today I stand before you healthier, stronger, and excited to return to the work that I love.

I have always been a supporter of mental health care. During my time in New Jersey legislature, I worked to advance mental health parity. I believed in the cause then, and I understand it in a far more personal way now.

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This experience has given me a deeper appreciation for the millions of Americans who face these challenges each and every day.

Many do so quietly. Many do so alone. Many do so while carrying burdens that the rest of us never see. To them I would say: Asking for help is not a weakness. It is a strength.

I thank my constituents. I thank them for their patience. I thank them for their understanding. I thank them for their prayers, and I thank them for allowing me the honor of serving them.

I also thank my staff, who worked tirelessly to ensure that our office continued serving constituents every day during my absence.

Most importantly, I thank my family, whose love, whose support, and whose faith carried me through some very difficult days.

This is not a partisan issue. It touches every community, every family, and every corner of this country.

If sharing my story encourages even one person to seek help, if it gives one family the courage to have a difficult conversation, or if it reminds one person that recovery is possible, then this moment will have been worthwhile.

I am grateful to be back with the full support of my doctors. I am grateful to be healthy. I am grateful for the opportunity to continue serving the people of New Jersey's Seventh Congressional District.

I say thank you. May God bless the people of New Jersey, and may God bless the United States of America.